

Please find below, Utah State Parks news for September 21:

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- Utah State Parks Boating Safety Tip of the Month
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UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

Salt Lake City – Utah State Parks Boating Rangers offer these tips in case you're caught in bad weather while boating on Utah's waters:

- Wear your life jacket
- Keep a lookout for other vessels and floating debris
- Sound your horn or whistle in foggy conditions
- Switch to a full fuel tank
- Head for the nearest shore that is safe to approach
- Head into waves at a 45-degree angle
- Close all hatches and windows to reduce the chance of swamping
- Reduce speed, but keep enough power to maintain headway and steering
- Secure loose items
- If engine stops, drop the anchor from the bow
- Take appropriate warm clothing

Weather can change rapidly and create unexpected situations for boaters. Always watch for changes in the weather and monitor the weather forecast. As always, make sure you inform a close friend or relative of where you are boating and when you will return.

For more boating information, visit www.stateparks.utah.gov. Wear it UTAH!

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

October 1 - November 30 Antelope Island State Park – Syracuse
Art Exhibit: Tom Mathewson displays photographs of birds and wildlife on Antelope Island.
westernfocusimaging.com or 801-725-9263

October 6 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins
Sunset Hike: Explore the twilight sights and sounds of the canyon during a 1.5-mile, roundtrip hike at 6:30 p.m. Program registration is held the two days before the event. This event is free and open to the public. 435-628-2255

October 8 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Nature Hike - Extreme Survival: How do plants and animals deal with the blazing sun, howling wind and freezing nights? Learn about extreme survival on a guided hike through the park. Meet at the visitor center at 10 a.m. 435-826-4466

October 9

Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante

Backcountry Hike: Watch for wildlife and view ancient rock art on a five-mile round-trip hike through the park's remote backcountry. This hike covers some steep terrain and a vehicle is required to reach the trailhead. Meet at the visitor center at 10 a.m. 435-826-4466

October 9

Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins

Scorpion Search: Have you ever wanted to see a scorpion up close? Join park staff to learn more about these amazing creatures and search for resident scorpions. This program begins at 7:15 p.m. and registration is held the two days prior to the event. 435-628-2255

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